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# H. R. 3257

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REYNOLDS (for himself, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. DREIER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. LINDER, Mr. GOSS, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## A BILL

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “State Flexibility Clari-  
5       fication Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FLEXIBILITY AND FEDERAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL**  
2 **MANDATES.**

3 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 421(5)(B) of the Congres-  
4 sional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 658(5)(B)) is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “(i)(I) would” and inserting “(i)  
7 would”;

8 (2) by striking “(II) would” and inserting  
9 “(ii)(I) would”; and

10 (3) by striking “(ii) the” and inserting “(II)  
11 the”.

12 (b) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Section 423(d) of the  
13 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 658b(d)) is  
14 amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)(C) by striking “and” after  
16 the semicolon;

17 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking the period and  
18 inserting “; and”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(3) if the bill or joint resolution would make  
21 the reduction specified in section 421(5)(B)(ii)(I), a  
22 statement of how the committee specifically intends  
23 the States to implement the reduction and to what  
24 extent the legislation provides additional flexibility, if  
25 any, to offset the reduction.”.

1       (c) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATES.—  
2 Section 424(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
3 (2 U.S.C. 658c(a)) is amended—

4           (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
5 graph (4); and

6           (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
7 lowing:

8           “(3)    ADDITIONAL    FLEXIBILITY    INFORMA-  
9   TION.—The Director shall include in the statement  
10 submitted under this subsection, in the case of legis-  
11 lation that makes changes as described in section  
12 421(5)(B)(ii)(I)—

13           “(A) if no additional flexibility is provided  
14 in the legislation, a description of whether and  
15 how the States can offset the reduction under  
16 existing law; or

17           “(B) if additional flexibility is provided in  
18 the legislation, whether the resulting savings  
19 would offset the reductions in that program as-  
20 suming the States fully implement that addi-  
21 tional flexibility.”.

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